

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

This invention is directed to an image printing apparatus having a fixing control section which controls a fixing unit for fixing a toner image on a paper sheet by applying pressure and heat. The image printing apparatus of this invention includes, in the fixing control section, an interface which can receive data from an external data input device so as to shorten the warmup time of the fixing unit and perform direct instructing operation from the data input device to the fixing unit.